

**Bernalillo County Open Space Advisory Committee  
Acquisition and Evaluation Criteria**

Instructions: There are eleven questions to answer for each nominated property. Most questions have additional considerations that help assess the property on its own merits. A scale of 1-5 is noted below each question. A score of 5 is the highest, 1 is the lowest, and the remaining numbers are relative values. The highest score a property can receive is 55.

**PROPERTY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY ACREAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

A. Evaluate the property's **recreational potential** by considering:

- Linkage to trails, public lands
- Ease of access
- Contiguous to other public land
- Multiple uses

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

B. Evaluate the property's need for **protection** and its **enhancement** to the community by considering:

- View corridor(s)
- Topographical form
- Community area, urban form, and rural form
- Environmental education
- Natural hazards other than flooding

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C. Evaluate any **post-acquisition issues and costs** of the property by considering (low cost = 5):

- Environmental concerns
- Clean-up
- County maintenance and management
- Naming considerations

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D. Is public acquisition of the property **consistent with adopted plan(s)** by helping to achieve plan implementation?

1 2 3 4 5

E. Evaluate the **water implications** of acquiring the property by considering:

- Preserving water availability (watersheds, rights, springs, acequias, wetlands, irrigation)
- Improving water quality
- Controlling the floodplain

1 2 3 4 5

F. Evaluate the property's potential to highlight **wildlife and flora** by considering:

- Corridors
- Habitat
- Threatened and endangered species

1 2 3 4 5

G. Evaluate the property's known or potential **archaeological and/or historical** significance by considering:

- Registered site or potential (National or State)
- Locally important site or potential

1 2 3 4 5

H. Evaluate the **demonstrated support** of acquiring the property by considering:

- Supplemental funding
- Volunteer and/or community support
- In-kind contribution

1 2 3 4 5

I. Evaluate if the property has a **reasonable cost and a willing seller** (within 10% of appraisal price = 3).

1 2 3 4 5

J. Evaluate the property's current **risk of development** by considering:

- Stage of development (i.e. preliminary plat)
- Type of development
- Validity of threat

1 2 3 4 5

K. Evaluate the **Open Space needs of the area** where the property is located by considering:

- Benefit more than one neighborhood
- Area lacks public lands
- Equity with other areas of the County
- Size of parcel

1 2 3 4 5